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- 1. PUBLICITY CONCERNING BND VICE PRESIDENT DIETER BLOETZ'S AFFARI WITH HIS SECRETARY, FRAU NELKEN, CONTINUES. WEEKEND ISSUE OF MUNICH ABEND ZEITUNG (AZ) CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "AFFAIR OF LDVE: BND DEPUTY FIRED". ARTICLE, WHICH FEATURES PICTURE OF BLOETZ, CLAIMS THAT AZ RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM FEDERAL CHANCELLERY THAT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AGAINST BLOETZ HAD BEEN INITIATED. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE CHANCELLERY LATER REFUSED FURTHER COMMENTARY. ARTICLE FURTHER NOTES THAT BLOETZ'S POSITION AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CHAIN OF TRADE UNION OWNED SUPERMARKETS IS ALSO THREATENED.
- 2. WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION AS YET. BLOETZ MADE AN EXTREMELY BRIEF APPEARANCE ON 15 JUNE AT THE FUNERAL OF EX-BND PRESIDENT REINHARD GEHLEN BUT IS OTHERWISE "OUT OF THE OFFICE". FRAU NELKEN IS, WE UNDERSTAND, NOW WORKING FOR LUFTHANSA. BND PRESIDENT KINKEL INTERRUPTED HIS LEAVE TO RETURN TO MUNICH FOR GEHLEN'S FUNERAL BUT WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS BLOETZ AFFAIR WITH HIM.
- 3. ARTICLES HAVE ALSO APPEARED IN FRANKFURT AND DTHER WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPERS. WHILE WE UNCERTAIN AS TO THE GENESIS THESE ARTICLES, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT BLOETZ'S ENEMIES, OF WHICH HE HAS MANY, HAVE DECIDED THAT THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR A CONCENTRATED ATTACK TO BRING ABOUT HIS DEMISE. GIVEN HIS TROUBLES WITH THE STERN/QUICK/VAN NOUHUYS AFFAIR, THE ADVENT OF A NEW BND PRESIDENT AND THE APPROACHING FRG ELECTION, BLOETZ IS NOT IN A STRONG POSITION TO FIGHT BACK.
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